IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant

: Eugenio A. Cefali

Application No. : 08/962,421 Confirmation No.:

Filed

: October 31, 1997

For

: INTERMEDIATE RELEASE NICOTINIC ACID

COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING HYPERLIPIDEMIA WHICH EXHIBIT AN IN VIVO STAIR-STEPPED

ABSORPTION CURVE

Group

: 1615

Examiner

: James M. Spear

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Hon. Commissioner for Patents

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is:

[x] An Information Disclosure Statement in the aboveidentified application; and

[X] Form PTO-1449 (in duplicate) with copies of the documents cited therein.

Applicant notes that a Petition to Revive Application, a Petition to Withdraw from Issue, a Request for Continued Examination; a Request to Correct Inventorship; a Preliminary Amendment; and a Request to Perfect Priority Claim were filed in the above-identified application on January 16, 2003.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, submission of this Statement requires no fee. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the payment of any fee in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 50-2543 (Kos). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 3/17/03

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